



The first train to arrive in Charleston from Provo on September 6, 1899 at 2 p.m.

to Wasatch County. Nearly all the residents of Charleston were on hand at the depot to welcome the new iron horse. For many years afterward the people in Charleston enjoyed the convenience of two trains a day between Heber and Provo.

The advent of Deer Creek Reservoir and faster means of transportation began to spell the decline of Charleston in the late 1930's. Farm lands were covered with water and many residents moved away. Some who had to leave with their families and give up farms and homes in the wake of the new reservoir were John W. Allen, Thomas Allen, H. F. Watson, John L. Atwood, Heber J. Simmons, William Daybell, George B. Wright, William Boren, George Edward, Perry D. North, Roe Carlile and A. F. Latta.

With many of the residents moving away, the last remaining business in the town, the North Mercantile Co., was forced to close its doors. The Post Office was also discontinued, and patrons placed on rural route service from Heber. This necessitated the retirement of Postmaster Loraine S. Wright, who had served for 28 years. About 1958 the Post Office building was purchased by the Sons of the Pioneers and was moved to Pioneer Village in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Those who have served as Postmasters in Charleston are: Nymphus C. Murdock, Sarah A. Wagstaff, Nellie North, Nellie Webster, Ruby Madsen and Loraine S. Wright.

With all the changes that have occurred in Charleston, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints continues as the mainstay in the lives of those who remain.



Prominent pioneers and descendants who gathered at the dedication of the "Old Fort Midway" monument in Midway, July 21, 1940. Standing, left to right, are Jane Haich Turner, Alice White Vail O'Neil, Robert Ross, Henry T. Coleman, Simon Epperson, Eliza Faucett Hair. Seated are Elizabeth Coleman Epperson and Matilda Robey Springer. At the extreme left is William Alder and at the extreme right Emily Springer Coleman.

Epperson, Elenore Blood Watkins, Alice White O'Neil, Ordena Leslie Orrock, Fanny Manlove Schnietter, Mary Bardsley Tate, Amanda Smith Sulser, Jean Coleman Alder, Mary Alder Abplanalp, Mary Munz Huber, Margaret Shelton Kinsey, Elizabeth Coleman Epperson, Elizabeth Hasler Kennah, Eva Bunnell Van Wagoner, Catherine Bunnell Epperson, Mary Orgill Johnson, Lucy Smith Whittaker, Lucy Davis, Melvina Hulfaker Wootton, Mary Jane Shelton Hair, Margaret Young Van Wagoner and Margaret A. Faucett Van Wagoner.

Those who have been captains of the camp include Mrs. Coleman, Jean Coleman Alder who served 16 years, Mary B. Tate, Mary Stevens, Ruby Provost, Nina Kohler, Vivian Probst, Shirley Chatwin, Elda Kohler and Merle Coleman Madsen.

As camps were organized in Heber and Midway by Mrs. Hayward and Mrs. Beer a group was also formed in Charleston. Ella M. Watson was named the first captain. Other officers included Marion Carlile, vice captain, and Elizabeth Brown, Loraine S. Wright, Annie Ritchie, Mona Daybell, Margaret Allen, Sarah Ann Wagstaff, Alice Thacker, Margaret Noakes and Sheila Winterton filling other positions. The first reorganization took place September 19, 1929 when Alice Thacker was sustained as captain. Other captains and the dates on which they were appointed included Maggie Allen, August 27, 1931; Mabel Winterton, August 17, 1933; Alice Thacker, September 19, 1935; Thresa Simmons, September 16, 1937; Agnes Winterton, July 13, 1939 and Vienna Edwards, 1941 to